

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

THERESA DUTCHUK, ANNALISA
HEPPNER, LIZ ORTIZ, RANNA WELLS,
NORMA JOHNSON, and JANE DOE VI,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DAVID YESNER, UNIVERSITY OF
ALASKA BOARD OF REGENTS, and
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SYSTEM,

Defendants.

No. 3:19-cv-0136-HRH

SCHEDULING AND PLANNING ORDER

I. Meeting of the Parties.

Based upon information available to the court through a scheduling and planning conference report¹ completed by the parties pursuant to Rules 16 and 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and to Local Civil Rules 16.1 and 26.1(b), and, if one was held, the scheduling and planning conference, this order for the pretrial development of the case is entered pursuant to Rule 16(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This order may be modified only for good cause shown and with the consent of the court. Rule 16(b)(4), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Unless otherwise ordered, conferences, hearings, and trials are subject to the provisions of the court's restoration of operations plan posted on the court's public website: <http://www.akd.uscourts.gov> .

¹Docket No. 84.

II. Discovery Plan.

Discovery shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 26 through 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, any applicable Local Civil Rules, and the discovery plan specified in the parties' scheduling and planning report, except as otherwise provided below.

A. Timing, Form, and Disclosure Requirements. The requirements of Rule 26(f)(3)(A) shall apply to this case. No changes have been requested by the parties. Each party must contemporaneously prepare and maintain a written record of all disclosures and supplementation of disclosures or responses made to requests for discovery under Rule 26(a) and (e), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Unless required in support of a motion or by order of the court, disclosures and supplemental disclosures are not to be filed with the court.

B. Initial Disclosures / Preliminary Witness Lists.

1. The information required by Rule 26(a)(1), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

(a) ☐ has been exchanged by the parties.

(b) ☒ shall be exchanged by the parties on or before
14 days after all defendants have answered
plaintiffs' current complaint.

2. Preliminary witness lists:

(a) ☐ have been exchanged by the parties.

(b) ☒ shall be exchanged by the parties on or before
14 days after all defendants have answered
plaintiffs' current complaint.

3. With reference to the disclosure requirements of Rule 7.1,
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

(a) ☐ The parties are in compliance.

(b) ☐ Compliance shall be accomplished on or before
_____.

(c) ☒ Rule 7.1 is not applicable.

C. Subjects and Timing of Discovery.

1. The parties ☒ **have** / ☐ have not reported the subjects on
which discovery may be needed. If not, please supply a list of
discovery subjects within **7 days**.
2. Discovery **shall not** be conducted in phases or limited to or
focused on particular issues.
3. The parties have not shown cause for a discovery close date
beyond **12 months** from their report.
4. Final Discovery Witness List. A final discovery witness list,
disclosing all lay witnesses whom a party may wish to call at
trial either by live testimony or deposition, shall be served and
filed not later than **45 days** before the close of fact discovery.
Each party shall make a good faith attempt to list only those
lay witnesses who the party reasonably believes will testify at
trial. Unless otherwise ordered for good cause shown, only

those lay witnesses disclosed in this final discovery witness list, and the expert witnesses who were timely identified, will be permitted to testify at trial.

5. Close of Fact Discovery. Fact discovery shall be completed on or before **April 3, 2021**.
6. Expert Discovery. Pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:
 - (a) Expert witnesses shall be identified by each party on or before **December 13, 2020**, and each party may identify responsive supplemental expert witnesses within **14 days** thereafter.
 - (b) Expert disclosures (reports) required by Rule 26(a)(2) shall be disclosed:
 - (i) By all parties on or before **March 15, 2021**;
 - (ii) Rebuttal reports on or before **30 days** from service of the report being rebutted.
 - (c) Expert witness discovery (including depositions) shall be completed by **June 3, 2021**.

D. Preservation of Discovery, Including Electronically Stored Information (ESI).

1. No issues have been reported as regards disclosure, discovery, or preservation of ESI, including the form or format in which it should be produced.

2. The parties shall proceed as they have proposed with respect to the production of ESI.
 3. Preservation of non-ESI Discovery:
 - (a) ☒ There is no indication that this will be an issue.
 - (b) ☐ The parties may proceed as they have proposed.
- E. Claims of Privilege or Protection of Attorney Work Product. Claims of privilege or protection of trial preparation materials shall be handled as follows:
1. ☒ There is no indication that this will be an issue.
 2. ☐ The parties have entered into a confidentiality agreement.
 3. ☐ The parties shall submit their proposed confidentiality agreement on or before _____.
- F. Limitations on Discovery. The following limitations on discovery are imposed:
1. ☒ The limitations set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(b), 30, and 33 and in Local Civil Rules 30.1 and 36.1 apply, except as indicated below.
 2. ☒ The maximum number of depositions by each party shall not exceed: **subject to agreement of the parties.**²

²Unless otherwise specified, the court will consider corporate officer, Rule 30(b)(6) witness, and expert witness depositions to be subject to the time limitation applicable to party depositions.

- (a) ☒ Depositions shall not exceed **6 hours** as to any deponent.
- (b) ☐ Depositions shall not exceed _____ hours as to non-party deponents.
- (c) ☐ Depositions shall not exceed ____ hours as to party deponents.
- 3. ☐ The maximum number of interrogatories posed by each party shall not exceed ____.
- 4. ☐ The maximum number of requests for admissions posed by each party shall not exceed ____.
- 5. ☐ Other limitations: _____.

G. Supplementation of Disclosures and Discovery Responses shall be supplemented:

- 1. ☒ In accordance with Rule 26(e)(1) and (e)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
- 2. ☐ At intervals of _____ days.

III. Pretrial Motions.

A. Preliminary motions as to jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, and/or statutes of limitation shall be served and filed not later than:

- 1. ☐ Not applicable.
- 2. ☒ **Motions are pending.**

B. Motions to amend, motions under the discovery rules, motions in limine, and dispositive motions shall be served and filed within the times specified by the applicable rules, except as indicated below:

1. ✓ Motions to amend pleadings, including motions to add parties, shall be served and filed not later than **September 1, 2020**. Thereafter, a party must seek leave of court to modify this deadline. See Rule 16(b)(3)(A) and (b)(4), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. ✓ Discovery disputes (including ESI) shall be presented to the court as soon as discovery problems are identified, but not later than **14 days** after the close of discovery. If the meet-and-confer process (see Rule 37(a)(1)) fails to resolve disagreements regarding mandatory initial discovery or discovery requests, the parties shall present that dispute to the court in a single, joint motion, stating the issue, any applicable rules, and each party's proposed disposition of the dispute. The joint motion must contain the Rule 37(a)(1) certification. The court may resolve the dispute based upon the parties' presentations or after a conference call. At a conference, the court may authorize the filing of a discovery motion.
3. ✓ Dispositive motions shall be served and filed not later than **July 3, 2021**.
4. ✓ Motions in limine, including motions as to qualification of experts and Daubert motions, shall be served

and filed not later than **30 days** following the later of the date for the filing of dispositive motions or the date of the court's ruling on timely dispositive motions.

IV. Trial.

- A. The court expects the case to take **14 days** for trial.
- B. A jury trial ☒ **has** / ☐ has not been demanded.
- C. The right to jury trial ☐ is / ☒ **is not** disputed.
- D. Scheduling Trial.

- 1. ☐ The parties' request for an early trial date:
 - (a) ☐ Is approved.
 - (b) ☐ Is not approved.

If approved, a separate trial scheduling order will be issued.

- 2. ☐ Either party may request a trial setting conference at any time to establish a trial date. Absent a request, and when timely filed dispositive motions have been ruled upon, the court will call upon the parties to certify the case ready for trial and to provide the court with proposed trial dates. The court will issue an order governing final preparation for trial and scheduling a final pretrial conference after the case has been certified ready for trial.
- 3. ☒ The parties ☐ have / ☒ **have not** requested an early trial date.

V. Other Provisions.

- A. Court Conference. The parties have not requested a conference with the court before entry of a scheduling order.
- B. Consent to Proceed before a Magistrate Judge. The parties have not consented to trial before a Magistrate Judge.
- C. Early Settlement / Alternative Dispute Resolution. The parties have considered and reported to the court regarding possible alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- D. Related Cases. The parties have reported to the court regarding any related cases as defined by Local Civil Rule 16.1(e).

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 11th day of June, 2020.

/s/ H. Russel Holland
United States District Judge